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Subject: FOIA Assignment for EPA-R8-2015-009885

You have been assigned to the FOIA request EPA-R8-2015-009885. Additional details for this request are as follows:

- Assigned By: Alan Engels
- Request Tracking Number: EPA-R8-2015-009885
- Due Date: 09/15/2015
- Requester: Brooke A. Rogers
- Request Track: Complex
- Short Description: N/A
- Long Description: On behalf of National Review (NR), a longstanding, national media outlet and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and your implementing regulations, please consider this request for certain public records. As a media outlet, NR engages in research, investigative journalism, and publication, with the goal of broadly disseminating public information obtained under open records and freedom of information laws to inform a broad readership and give Americans a better understanding of the workings, operations and functions of government.

Please provide us, within 20 working days , copies of all email (including also as cc: or bcc:) or other messages sent to or from any staff member of the Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 Office relating to or mentioning the spill of pollutants into Cement Creek from Gold King Mine. This encompasses all responsive correspondence sent between 08/01/2015 and present day to or from official email and/or phone/PDA account(s) as well as any accounts used at any time by EPA staff for work correspondence, which communications include, in the subject or body, any reference to or mention of the following words or phrases:

“spill,” “spilled”
“Durango”
“Silverton”
“Colorado”
“Cement Creek”
“accident”
“Animas”
“river”
“Gold King Mine” or “mine”
“Colorado Pikeminnow”
“Razorback Sucker”
“Southwest Willow Flycatcher”
“Yellow-billed Cuckoo”

We also request any correspondence sent to or from the Region 8 EPA office executives, staff, assistants and any others working in the Office over the last year referencing

Colorado, Durango, Silverton or La Plata County and discussing “mine” (in all forms, including as a noun or verb, including “mines,” “mining,” “mined,” etc.) and “Superfund.”

We also request all correspondence from both levels between July 30, 2015, and present day, mentioning “Silverton Standard” or “Dave Taylor.”